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1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY LIMA. REASON: 1.5 (D).
2. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS ONCE AGAIN TURNED POLITICAL ADVERSITY INTO ADVANTAGE. THE SPECTACULARLY SUCCESSFUL APRIL 22 HOSTAGE RESCUE OPERATION HAS TEMPORARILY REVERSED HIS SAGGING POLITICAL FORTUNES. THE TEXTBOOK-READY MILITARY SOLUTION BENEFITTED FROM VERY GOOD LUCK AND THE LOSS OF NERVE OF SOME OF THE YOUNG TERRORISTS WHO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KILL DOZENS OF HOSTAGES BEFORE THEY WERE DONE IN BY THE SECURITY FORCES. NEVERTHELESS, THE RESULTS WILL REAFFIRM THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT'S FAITH IN AND RELIANCE ON THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN), THE ARMED FORCES, AND HIS OWN JUDGMENT. THE GOP IS, HOWEVER,

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 APPRECIATIVE OF USG SUPPORT FOR FUJIMORI'S DETERMINATION NOT TO FREE JAILED MRTA TERRORISTS IN EXCHANGE FOR HOSTAGES. EVEN THOUGH THE MRTA LOST ITS MOST IMPORTANT LEADER OUTSIDE OF PRISON IN THE ATTACK TO FREE THE HOSTAGES, A SOBERED FUJIMORI ADMITS THERE REMAIN REMNANTS OF MRTA CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING TERRORIST ACTS. THE MORE FORMIDABLE SENDERO LUMINOSO HAS BEEN EERILY QUIET THROUGHOUT THE MEDIAGENIC CRISIS PRECIPITATED BY ITS RIVAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. THE CONSISTENT INCLUSION OF AMCIT LORI BERENSON ON THE MRTA'S LIST OF 20 OR 30 OF ITS MILITANTS CONSIDERED AS THE MINIMUM THAT HAD TO BE RELEASED FROM PRISONS WILL ONLY FURTHER CEMENT IN THE MIND OF THE PERUVIAN PUBLIC THE IMAGE OF HER BEING DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE ORGANIZATION. WHILE WE EXPECT THIS WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON HER WELL-BEING OR THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SHE IS IMPRISONED, IT REAFFIRMS OUR VIEW THAT A TRANSFER TO A U.S. PRISON IS IN HER BEST INTERESTS. PERHAPS, GIVEN THE OUTCOME OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS, SHE MAY EVENTUALLY AGREE. END SUMMARY.

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3. TURNING LEAD INTO GOLD, PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI EXTRICATED HIMSELF FROM THE MOST DANGEROUS POLITICAL QUAGMIRE IN MORE THAN SIX YEARS IN POWER IN CHARACTERISTIC FASHION--BY HEEDING HIS OWN COUNSEL. FUJIMORI IMMEDIATELY TOOK RESPONSIBILITY--AND CREDIT--FOR AN OVERWHELMINGLY SUCCESSFUL TACTICAL ASSAULT IN WHICH 71 HOSTAGES WERE FREED AND ONLY ONE HOSTAGE AND TWO SOLDIERS WERE KILLED. ENTERING THE STILL BURNING RESIDENCE 40 MINUTES AFTER THE TAKEDOWN, PERSONALLY ESCORTING THE LIBERATED HOSTAGES TO THE MILITARY HOSPITAL, AND BRIEFING THE PRESS ON THE STRATEGY AND

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PAGE 04 LIMA 03637 01 OF 05 260025Z RESULTS OF THE RESCUE, THE HANDS-ON PRESIDENT TRUMPETED HIS TRIUMPH. THE OUTCOME COULD HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFERENT, HOWEVER, IF SOME OF THE YOUNG TERRORISTS HAD NOT LOST THEIR NERVE, PERHAPS SUFFERING FROM A REVERSE STOCKHOLM SYNDROME IN WHICH THEY IDENTIFIED WITH THEIR CAPTIVES. IN AT LEAST TWO OF THE FIVE ROOMS WHERE THE HOSTAGES WERE HELD, THE TERRORISTS ENTERED, DECIDED AGAINST KILLING ANY OF THEM, AND WITHDREW, ONLY TO BE KILLED THEMSELVES BY THE ATTACKING SECURITY FORCES.

4. SUCCESSFULLY GAMBLING THAT THE END WOULD JUSTIFY THE MEANS, FUJIMORI EXCLUDED THE JAPANESE FROM HIS DECISIONMAKING AND IGNORED THE ADVICE OF THE GUARANTORS, WHO IMploRED THE GOP TO RELEASE A SMALL NUMBER OF MRTA TERRORISTS. (COMMENT: THIS MAY REINFORCE THE GOP'S VIEW THAT MEDIATORS ARE MAINLY A SOURCE OF PRESSURE FOR CONCESSIONS AND BEST AVOIDED, SUCH AS IN THE BORDER TALKS WITH ECUADOR. END COMMENT.) THE POLLS-CONSCIOUS PRESIDENT ALSO BUCKED PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH BY ALL ACCOUNTS OPPOSED AN UNPROVOKED RESCUE ATTEMPT AND REFLECTED HIGH ANXIETY ABOUT REPORTS OF TUNNEL DIGGING. FUJIMORI ALSO ASSUMED TREMENDOUS RISKS BY AUTHORIZING AN OPERATION WHICH THE PUNDITS (AND WE) FEARED WOULD PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES AMONG THE HOSTAGES. AS EXPECTED, FUJIMORI'S OVERNIGHT STANDING IN THE LIMA OPINION POLLS BOUNCED UP NEARLY 30 POINTS, BUT AS WE IN THE U.S. SAW AFTER GRENADA, PANAMA, AND THE GULF WAR, MILITARY PROWESS IS NOT

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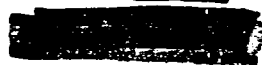
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ENOUGH TO SUSTAIN PRESIDENTIAL POPULARITY, ESPECIALLY THREE YEARS AWAY FROM THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS.

5. IN MANY WAYS, THE MRTA'S INTRANSIGENCE MADE FUJIMORI'S DECISION EASIER. TEN ROUNDS OF FACE-TO-FACE GOP-MRTA MEETINGS (FEBRUARY 11-MARCH 12) AND SUBSEQUENT WEEKS OF GUARANTOR MEDIATION DID NOT SHAKE THE MRTA TERRORISTS' DETERMINATION TO WIN THE RELEASE OF 10 OR MORE JAILED MRTA MILITANTS IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR HOSTAGES. HAD NESTOR CERPA CONCENTRATED ON NEGOTIATING FOR ACHIEVABLE RESULTS (SAFE PASSAGE TO CUBA, PRISON REFORM, RELEASE OF DETAINEES UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF TERRORISM, AND A FINANCIAL PARACHUTE), HE AND HIS COMRADES WOULD HAVE ENDED UP ON A CUBAN BEACH INSTEAD OF IN BODY BAGS. CERPA OVERPLAYED HIS HAND TO THE

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END, HOWEVER. IN A WIDELY BROADCAST RADIO STATEMENT AS LATE AS APRIL 20, CERPA ONCE AGAIN DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF OVER 400 JAILED MRTA TERRORISTS AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD LIMIT MEDICAL VISITS TO THE HOSTAGES TO ONCE A WEEK. MOREOVER, CERPA'S POLITICAL TORPOR APPEARED TO HAVE SEEPED INTO HIS MILITARY PLANNING. BY ESTABLISHING A REGULAR ROUTINE IN WHICH AT MID-AFTERNOON THE MAJORITY OF HIS MEN AND WOMEN WERE ON THE FIRST FLOOR PLAYING SOCCER RATHER THAN ON THE SECOND FLOOR GUARDING HOSTAGES, CERPA SERIOUSLY MISCALCULATED, LEAVING HIS TEAM VULNERABLE TO ATTACK.

FUJIMORI'S RELIANCE ON SIN AND ARMED FORCES STRENGTHENED

6. FUJIMORI HAS TRADITIONALLY RELIED FOR POLITICAL SUPPORT ON THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) AND THE ARMED FORCES, PARTICULARLY SINCE HIS 1992 "AUTO-COUP," WHICH CEMENTED THE THREE-WAY ALLIANCE. FUJIMORI'S LAVISH PUBLIC PRAISE OF THE SIN'S AND MILITARY SERVICES' EXACTING PLANNING AND SPLENDID EXECUTION OF THE RESCUE OPERATION BETRAYED HIS LONG-HELD CONVICTION--REINFORCED BY THE SUCCESSFUL MILITARY SOLUTION--THAT THE STRONG ARM OF HIS ADMINISTRATION ACHIEVES THE BEST RESULTS. THE

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PERUVIAN PRESIDENT NEVER EMPOWERED HIS CRISIS "INTERLOCUTOR," EDUCATION MINISTER DOMINGO PALERMO, TO MAKE ANY NEGOTIATING DECISIONS AND MANAGED GOP POLICY FOR THE HOSTAGE CRISIS HIMSELF. THE GUARANTORS QUICKLY CONCLUDED THAT PALERMO WAS MORE OF A PROP THAN A NEGOTIATOR, AND, IN THE FINAL WEEKS, DE FACTO MEDIATOR CIPRIANI SHUTTLED DIRECTLY BETWEEN FUJIMORI AND CERPA. PALERMO WAS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM THE LIBERATION CELEBRATIONS. IN AN ADMINISTRATION WHERE POWER IS SO TIGHTLY CONCENTRATED IN THE

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HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT, THE CHIEF OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMAND, AND THE DE FACTO CHIEF OF SIN, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT FUJIMORI HAD TO PAUSE TO RECALL THE NAME OF HIS LIBERATED AGRICULTURE MINISTER.

7. PUBLIC APPRECIATION FOR THE SIN'S AND THE ARMED FORCES' PROFESSIONAL EXECUTION OF THE HOSTAGE RESCUE OPERATION WILL, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, OVERSHADOW PUBLIC DOUBTS ABOUT THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF BOTH INSTITUTIONS. THE OPPOSITION MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THE CONCERN THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE CRISIS WILL DIMINISH PUBLIC ATTENTION TO RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE OF POWER. THE CURRENT FRONT-BURNER CASES INCLUDE THE ARMY'S ARREST AND TORTURE OF OVER 30 OXAPAMPA RESIDENTS, THE KILLING OF ONE INTELLIGENCE AGENT AND TORTURE OF ANOTHER, AND RECENT ATTACKS ON OPPOSITION POLITICIANS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND OUTLETS (SEPTELS). IN FACT, PUBLIC ELATION OVER THE OUTCOME OF THE CINEMATIC RESCUE OPERATION HAS VIRTUALLY OBLITERATED FOR THE MOMENT CONCERNS ABOUT THE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY FAILURE WHICH PERMITTED THE MRTA'S TERRIBLE HOSTAGE TAKING IN THE FIRST PLACE. WHEN THE HARD QUESTIONS DO COME UP, WE EXPECT THE OUSTED INTERIOR MINISTER AND CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL POLICE TO ABSORB THE CRITICISM, RATHER THAN THE NOW "VINDICATED" SIN AND MILITARY.

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FUJIMORI WILL ADDRESS SOME HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS

8. NEVERTHELESS, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO ADDRESS SOME HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS WHICH WERE PUT ON HOLD WHEN THE HOSTAGE CRISIS BEGAN. IN MID-DECEMBER, THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY HAD AGREED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRISON REFORMS FOR DETAINED TERRORISTS, SUCH AS MORE FREQUENT FAMILY VISITS AND LONGER OUTDOOR "PATIO TIME" (CURRENTLY ONLY HALF AN HOUR DAILY). IN TRIUMPHAL FASHION, FUJIMORI WILL MOST LIKELY AGREE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE CHANGES, WHICH HAD BEEN AMONG THE DEMANDS OF THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS. IN ADDITION, FUJIMORI IS EXPECTED TO

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RESUME PARDONING THOSE UNJUSTLY DETAINED FOR TERRORISM. THE AD HOC COMMISSION WHICH REVIEWS SUCH CASES REPORTEDLY PRESENTED FUJIMORI WITH 80 NAMES OF PRISONERS WHO MERIT A PRESIDENTIAL PARDON.

9. THE RESOLUTION OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS AGAIN PUT BACK INTO PLAY THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRISON TRANSFER FOR LORI BERENSON. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT SHE IS PLANNING TO REQUEST SUCH A TRANSFER IN THE NEAR TERM, MUCH LESS THAT THE GOP WOULD GRANT IT NOW, SINCE BERENSON WAS ON MRTA LEADER CERPA'S SHORT LIST OF THOSE HE WANTED RELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR FREEING THE HOSTAGES. BUT, AS WAS THE CASE PRIOR TO THE HOSTAGE CRISIS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE FOR HER TO KEEP HER OPTIONS OPEN AND SEE NO LEGAL OR OTHER REMEDY THAT IS LIKELY TO IMPROVE HER SITUATION.

GOP APPRECIATED USG STAND

10. GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN'S "SOFTER" STANCE ON TERRORISM, THE GOP WELCOMED STATEMENTS OF USG SUPPORT FOR FUJIMORI'S TOUGH POSTURE DURING THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. WITH THE GOJ AND MEMBERS OF THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION LEANING ON FUJIMORI TO RELEASE IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS, GOP OFFICIALS WERE ENCOURAGED BY REITERATIONS OF USG POLICY IN SUPPORT OF DIALOGUE WITHOUT MAKING CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS. IN PARTICULAR, THE GOP IS GRATEFUL THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON AGREED TO MEET WITH FUJIMORI

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DURING THE LATTER'S FEBRUARY WASHINGTON STOPOVER JUST AFTER THE FUJIMORI-HASHIMOTO MEETING IN TORONTO.

11. FUJIMORI REQUIRED NO CONVINCING THAT IT DOES NOT PAY TO

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REWARD TERRORISTS; INSTEAD, THE HOSTAGE CRISIS HIGHLIGHTED THE COMFORTABLE CONCORDANCE IN OUR POLICIES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOP TURNED DOWN THE USG'S EARLY OFFERS OF TACTICAL CONTINGENCY PLANNING ASSISTANCE AND NEGOTIATION ADVICE. THE HAPPY COINCIDENCE OF OUR COUNTERTERRORISM POLICIES, HOWEVER, GENERATED CONSIDERABLE GOOD WILL IN AN IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. NEVERTHELESS, FUJIMORI PROBABLY STILL DOUBTS THAT WE TRULY UNDERSTAND THE THREAT POSED BY PERU'S TERRORISTS.

JAPAN SOBERED BY REALITY OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PERU

12. THE FALLOUT FROM THE INTENSE PERUVIAN-JAPANESE ENCOUNTER DURING THE PAST MONTHS OF CRISIS WILL ENDURE FOR MANY YEARS. THOUGH THE GOJ IS DOUBTLESS GRATEFUL FOR THE END OF THIS DOMESTIC POLITICAL NIGHTMARE AND THE SAFE RELEASE OF EACH OF ITS NATIONALS, FUJIMORI'S INSISTENCE ON "DOING IT HIS WAY" PROBABLY RESONATES NEGATIVELY UNDER A GRATEFUL JAPANESE EXTERIOR. THE GOJ MAY DRAW VARIOUS CONCLUSIONS FROM ITS NERVE-RACKING LIMA HOSTAGE EXPERIENCE: THAT IT HAS MUCH LESS INFLUENCE OVER THE JAPANESE-PERUVIAN LEADER THAN PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD; THAT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE TO SOCIAL NEEDS SUCH AS JUDICIAL AND PRISON REFORM MAY NOT CONSTITUTE MEDDLING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS; AND THAT, DESPITE

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COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION BELOW THE DIPLOMATIC LEVEL--BETWEEN INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL--WAS LARGELY UNSUCCESSFUL. STORIES ARE SURFACING FROM THE RELEASED HOSTAGES THAT THE CULTURAL GAP BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND PERUVIAN HOSTAGES WAS ALSO PAINFULLY WIDE. IN THE END, THE GOJ EITHER DID NOT KNOW OR DID NOT WANT TO KNOW THAT A MILITARY SOLUTION WAS NEAR AND UNAVOIDABLE. IN EITHER CASE, IT COULD DEFLECT RESPONSIBILTY FOR THE OUTCOME AND ADJUST ITS REACTION TO THE RESULTS.

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13. FUJIMORI HAS CONFIRMED PUBLICLY THAT BOTH OF HIS EX-HOSTAGE CABINET MINISTERS--FRANCISCO TUDELA AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND RODOLFO MUNANTE AT AGRICULTURE--WILL REMAIN IN THEIR JOBS. TUDELA'S OFFICE HAS STATED TO THE PRESS AND PRIVATELY TO AMBASSADOR JETT THAT THE MINISTER, WHO WAS HIT IN THE ANKLE BY A BULLET WHICH FRACTURED THE BONE, WILL REMAIN HOSPITALIZED FOR ONE WEEK, RECUPERATE AT HOME, AND RETURN TO HIS OFFICE NOT BEFORE THE END OF MAY. HE MOST PROBABLY WILL STICK TO THAT SCHEDULE (GIVE OR TAKE A BIT FOR RECUPERATION), BUT WE WONDER HOW LONG HE WILL REMAIN IN THE JOB.

14. TUDELA, AN EX-CONGRESSMAN FROM A SMALL, CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION PARTY (RENOVACION) LARGELY SUPPORTIVE OF FUJIMORI, SAW HIS APPROVAL RATINGS IN THE OPINION POLLS SOAR AS REPORTS EMERGED TESTIFYING TO HIS PROFESSIONALISM AND DIGNITY DURING THE CRISIS. FUJIMORI, EVER VIGILANT TO A LIEUTENANT BECOMING MORE POPULAR, WILL BRISTLE WHEN HE STARTS TO SLIP AGAIN IN THE POLLS, PARTICULARLY IF TUDELA'S RATINGS DO NOT. WE ALSO EXPECT INTERNAL SCORE-SETTLING TO ENTER INTO THE PICTURE WHEN ADVISORS REMIND THE PRESIDENT THAT TUDELA (AND MANY OTHER HOSTAGES) INITIALLY URGED THE GOP TO ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE WITH THE MRTA TO SEEK A "LASTING SOLUTION" TO PERU'S PROBLEMS, AN ANATHEMA TO GOP HARDLINERS. MOREOVER, WE HEARD FROM TUDELA'S WIFE ONE DAY BEFORE THE RESCUE OPERATION THAT HER HUSBAND HAD INDICATED TO HER IN HIS RECENT LETTERS THAT HE WAS GREATLY DISILLUSIONED WITH FUJIMORI.

MRTA SUFFERS ANOTHER MAJOR DEFEAT

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15. NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI WAS THE MRTA'S MOST IMPORTANT LEADER OUTSIDE OF JAIL, SO HIS DEATH IS A MAJOR BLOW TO THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. THE FACT THAT CERPA HIMSELF LED THE VERY RISKY HOSTAGE TAKING INDICATES HOW THIN MRTA'S LEADERSHIP IS STRETCHED. COMBINED WITH THE GOP'S CAPTURE OF OTHER MAJOR MRTA LEADERS AND CONSPIRATORS IN DECEMBER 1995, SCUTTILING CERPA'S PLANS TO TAKE CONGRESS HOSTAGE, THE MRTA IS WEAKER STILL. IT MAY LACK THE POLITICAL OR MILITARY LEADERSHIP INSIDE PERU AND THE FINANCIAL WHEREWITHAL TO POSE A SERIOUS THREAT. NEVERTHELESS, THIS PROTRACTED HOSTAGE CRISIS UNDERSCORES THE REALITY THAT EVEN A SMALL GROUP OF DETERMINED, ARMED INDIVIDUALS CAN WREAK TREMENDOUS PHYSICAL AND POLITICAL DAMAGE.

16. IN SHARP CONTRAST TO HIS PROUD PRONOUNCEMENTS BEFORE THE APRIL 1996 OAS COUNTERTERRORISM CONFERENCE THAT TERRORISM WAS DEAD IN PERU, A MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS FUJIMORI NOTED AFTER THE TAKEDOWN THAT "REMNANTS" OF THE MRTA CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING TERRORIST ATTACKS REMAIN. HE CITED HUGO AVELLANEDA AS THE MRTA'S MOST IMPORTANT LEADER AT LARGE. AVELLANEDA HAD BEEN THE MRTA'S SPOKESMAN IN EUROPE, BUT TURNED THE REINS OVER TO ISAAC VELASCO IN THE WAKE OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. AVELLANEDA IS PROBABLY IN PERU, AND IN PRESS INTERVIEWS VELASCO HAS WARNED THAT FUJIMORI'S "GENOCIDE," IN WHICH HE CLAIMED THE GOJ AND USG "WERE COMPLICIT," WILL "NOT GO UNPUNISHED." IN THE WAKE OF THE HOSTAGE RESCUE, THE

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WELL-KNOWN MIRAFLORES (LIMA) HOTEL IN 1995 AND A SHELL OIL
WAREHOUSE IN 1996 TO COMMEMORATE THE MAY 17, 1980 LAUNCHING OF
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